

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to set forth a priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to an earlier filed application.

Applicants have amended the specification to insert the Sequence Listing and submit herewith a paper copy of the Sequence Listing. The Sequence Listing is identical to that filed November 9, 2001 in United States Application 09/614,092 ("the '092 application"), of which the instant application is a continuation application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), applicants request that the Patent and Trademark Office use the computer readable form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing filed April 17, 2002¹ in the '092 application in the present application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the CRF that will be used for the instant application.

Applicants also submit herewith a statement verifying that the enclosed paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the CRF copy of the Sequence Listing submitted April 17, 2002 in the '092 application are the same and do not include new matter. Applicants additionally amended the specification to add sequence identifiers where

¹ Applicants were notified that the CRF copy of the Sequence Listing filed November 9, 2001 was damaged. A substitute CRF containing information identical to the CRF filed November 9, 2001, was filed on April 17, 2002.

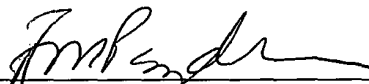
appropriate. None of these amendments introduces new matter.

Applicants have canceled claims 2, 6, 10, 14, 21, 23, and 28-40, and 42, without prejudice. As such, claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 11-13, 15-20, 22, 24-27, 41, and 43-44 are pending. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any cancelled subject matter in this application or in subsequent applications that claim benefit from this application.

Applicants have amended claims 7, 22, 24, 41, and 43 so that they no longer depend from one or more canceled base claims. Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification, e.g., in the original claims. None of the amendments adds new matter.

Consideration and allowance of the pending claims is requested.

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